

A Service
Celebrating the Life of
Major Karl "K.C." Cutler, U.S. Army
August 17, 1989 ~ October 26, 2025



May 2, 2026

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The people stand as they are able.

Processional Hymn

Morning has broken

Hymnal 8

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
 born of the one light E - den saw play! _____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

Opening Anthem

The Celebrant says

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die. And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith, shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. After my awaking, he will raise me up; and in my body I shall see God. I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger. For none of us has life in himself, and none becomes his own master when he dies. For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord. So, then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's possession. Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord! So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant K.C., being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson — *Wisdom 3:1-5,9*

Read by Erika Pearson

Reader A Reading from the book of Wisdom.

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect., it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Epistle — *Romans 8:14-19,34-35,37-39*

Read by Bryan Bellafiore

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome.

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The people stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

The strife is o'er

Hymnal 208

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
4 He closed the yaw - ing gates of hell, the bars from
5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

The Gospel – John 14:1-6

Gospeller ✝ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*



Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The people sit.

Reflections

Steve DeCaro

James Miller

Colonel Charley Staab, U.S. Army

Jackie Milazzo Cutler

Fr. Chris Jubinski

The people stand as they are able.

Apostle's Creed

Celebrant In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism,
let us proclaim our faith and say,

Celebrant and People

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.*

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

And is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

*the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, † the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Lay Eucharistic Minister

God, your will for us is abundant life; receive K.C. now into the fullness of life in your presence. ***Hear our prayer.***

You know the thoughts of our hearts and our search for faith; shed the brightness of your light on K.C., who also sought understanding. ***Hear our prayer.***

You are greater than all our ideas and images of you; draw K.C. into the mystery of your being. ***Hear our prayer.***

We know you as perfect Mercy and Love; welcome K.C. in the grace of that love and mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

We praise you as the giver of life; gather all who mourn into the hope of renewed life. *Hear our prayer.*

The Church commends all who die to the care of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit; and so we commend K.C. to you, giving thanks for the gift of his life. *Hear our prayer.*

Celebrant

May the Holy One, to whom all the desires of our hearts are known before we ask, hear our prayers for K.C., and for all who mourn, and grant us newness of life, and peace. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*



Verses



I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, they turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, my hand will



save. I who made the stars of night,
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide



I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 till their hearts be sat - si - fied. I will give my



light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
 word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
 life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

Refrain



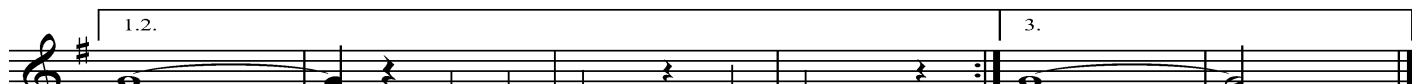
Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have



heard you call-ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____



_____ if you lead me, _____ I will hold your peo - ple in my



heart. _____ 1.2. heart. _____ 3.

The Great Thanksgiving—Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

+Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, praying in the words that Jesus taught us,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

The Priest invites the people to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God.



Communion Norms--We welcome our guests this morning. All are welcome at the Lord's table. You may stand or kneel (whichever you prefer). You are invited to eat the wafer and then drink from the cup. **We regret that you are not permitted to intinct (dip the wafer) at this time. Instead, you may keep your wafer visible in your hands and Fr. Chris will intinct for you and place the wafer on your on your tongue.** The people respond after receiving the bread or the wine by saying "Amen." If you prefer not to receive the cup, please cross your arms over your chest. If you do not want to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing from the priest. Gluten free wafers are available. Please notify Fr. Chris at the Communion Rail.

The people stand as they are able.

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Commendation

The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body. This anthem, or some other suitable anthem, or a hymn, may be sung or said

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

The Celebrant, facing the body, says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant K.C.. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. *Amen.*

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People *Thanks be to God.*

1. *You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: 'My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!' Refrain:*

*Refrain: 'And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.'*

2. *Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge
with faithfulness your shield. Refrain:*

3. *For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone. Refrain:*

Michael Joncas (b. 1951)

*The service continues with the Committal at Westhampton Cemetery.
Following the Committal, the Family will greet guests at a reception back in
the Saint Mark's Parish Hall.*

*In memory of K.C., donations can be made to the
Saint Mark's Stained Glass Window Restoration Fund
Post Office Box 887, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978.*

Or the VMI Class of 2011

The Committal

The following anthem is said

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me. He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit. My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Then, while earth is cast upon the urn, the Celebrant says these words

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother K.C.; and we commit him to his resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious unto him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. *Amen.*

Then the Celebrant says

Gracious God, you alone are the source of all life. May your life-giving Spirit flow through us, so that we may be ministers of your compassion to one another; in our sorrow give us the calm of your peace, and kindle our hope, and in your good time, let our grief give way to joy, through Jesus Christ our Deliverer. *Amen.*

Rest eternal grant to K.C., O Lord:
And let light perpetual shine upon him.

May his soul, + and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

The Blessing

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Participating in Today's Service

Readers

Erika Peason and Bryan Bellfiore

Reflections

*Steve DeCaro, James Miller,
Colonel Charley Staab, U.S. Army, and Jackie Milazzo Cutler*

Ushers

Steve DeCaro and Larry Andria

Lay Eucharistic Minister

John Kern

Organist

Stephen Hunt

Celebrant

Fr. Chris Jubinski

From the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (P. 507)

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.





MAJOR KARL “K.C.” W. CUTLER

August 17, 1989– October 26, 2025

Major Karl “K.C.” W. Cutler, 36, raised in Mattituck, New York, died on October 26, 2025, at Straub Benioff Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, after open-heart surgery for endocarditis.

K.C. loved being a Tucker, graduating with the Class of 2007. He played trumpet in the school band and was Mattituck’s varsity goalkeeper, also competing in the Long Island Junior Olympic Soccer League and the Empire State Games. In NJROTC he competed with the Trick Rifle Club and captained the school’s first revived lacrosse team in 2007. He also enjoyed riding dirt bikes and spent summers at Splish Splash, advancing from lifeguard to supervisor.

K.C. attended the Virginia Military Institute, serving as First Platoon Lieutenant for Hotel Company. He graduated in 2011 and, after completing Officer Candidate School in 2013, was commissioned as a Field Artillery Officer.

He began his Army career with the 1st Infantry Division, 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment at Fort Riley, Kansas, serving in fire support and battery leadership roles and deploying to Kuwait in 2014 and to Poland and Germany in 2017 in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve.

After graduating from the Field Artillery Captains Career Course, he joined the 25th Infantry Division Artillery Brigade in Oahu, where he held key fire support and fire direction positions and later commanded Charlie Battery and the Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Battery. During this time he earned an MBA from Syracuse University’s Whitman School of Business in May 2024. In 2025, after promotion and graduation from the Command and General Staff College, where he completed his second master’s degree, he returned to the 25th Infantry Division as Joint Air Ground Coordination Center Chief and Division Fire Support Coordinator.

In 2020, K.C.’s life changed forever when he met his future wife, Jackie Milazzo. Though they had grown up a half-hour apart, they joked that it took traveling 5,000 miles to find each other. They fell in love and with Oahu, exploring the island in K.C.’s Ram truck, trying new places to eat, and grilling meals on his Traeger. They married on May 17, 2024, in a beautiful Hawaiian setting. After a year in Kansas for K.C.’s schooling, they returned to Oahu, bought a townhouse in Ewa Beach, and settled into a life with their much-loved cat, Buddy.

A military memorial ceremony was held on October 31, 2025, at the Main Post Chapel on Schofield Barracks. The ceremony included the Roll Call, Firing of Volleys, and Taps. Lieutenant Colonel Charles A. Staub remembered him as a leader whose integrity, sharp wit, and steady demeanor made him deeply respected and beloved.

For those of us who loved K.C., we will remember his loyalty and his kindness. He was his father's shadow and his parents' greatest delight. K.C. was never happier than when Jackie became part of his life, and he was grateful for every moment with her. Only death could part him from her.

In the spring of 2026, a Memorial Mass and reception will be held at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church in Westhampton Beach, where K.C. served as an acolyte. Notification will appear in the local paper and around Mattituck.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Jackie Cutler, and his mother, Mary Fitzpatrick-Cutler, and is preceded in death by his late father, Karl Thomas Cutler. He is also missed by his in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. James Milazzo; his godmother, Patricia Pfeifer; and his aunt, Pamela Cutler.





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Church Services

Saturdays 5:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist
Sundays 9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist in the church (Livestreamed)
The first "Sunday" of each month Healing & Anointing will be included in both services.

Thursday Services

11:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in Fr. Chris' Office
8:00 PM Compline via zoom

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

All Members of Saint Mark's are Ministers of the Church!

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano - *Bishop of Long Island*

The Rt. Rev. GERALYN WOLF - *Assisting Bishop*

The Rt. Rev. William Franklin - *Assisting Bishop*

The Very Rev. Christopher D. Jubinski

Rector of Saint Mark's

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The Rev. Dr. Anne Gavin Ritchie - *Priest-in-Residence*

Stephen Hunt - *Director of Music*

Kate Gabrielsen - *Parish Administrator*

Chris Adams - *Facilities Manager*

Rosanna Davis - *Director of St. Mark's Bright Beginnings Preschool*

Tom Horan - *Warden*

Steve DeCaro - *Warden*

Vestry Members:

(Class of 2026) Rich Caccavano, Marjorie Kulesa, Steve Turner

(Class of 2027) Diane Feil, John Kern, Sandy Wyman

(Class of 2029) Tom Hadlock, Madeline Glover, Norma-Jeanne Okula

Thomas Simson - *Treasurer*

Carol Fitton - *Clerk of the Vestry*

